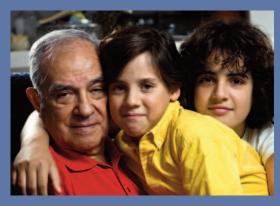
# Resource Directory













# NEW YORK CITY KINCARE TASK FORCE

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# The New York City Kincare Task Force Resource Directory

The New York City Kincare Task Force was established in 1992 in recognition that the services needed by kincaregivers raising relative children require collaboration among many systems, far beyond the traditional aging or child welfare systems. Our mission is to promote policies and integrated comprehensive services to effectively address the evolving challenges of kincare families. The Task Force, co-chaired by the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, a mental health and social service agency, and MFY Legal Services, Inc., a nonprofit law firm serving the civil legal needs of low-income people, addresses the need for cross-systems exchange and provides a channel through which established and newly developing kincare programs benefit from each other's experiences.

The Task Force's 39 member agencies/organizations represent a cross-section of providers, researchers and consumers from the aging, child guidance, mental health, child welfare and legal fields. The Kincare Task Force is a collaborative partnership that promotes cross-fertilization of information and ideas, program development, public policy analysis and coalition building. Gaps in service are identified and brought to the attention of the appropriate agencies.

The Task Force's objectives are:

- To educate and facilitate cross-systems communication
- To identify gaps in service and policy related to kincare families
- To disseminate findings and models of service
- To create an intergenerational network of kincare service providers

For further information, please contact the Task Force's Co-Chairs, Dr. Deborah Langosch, Ph.D., L.C.S.W., at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services at 212-632-4760 or dlangosch@jbfcs.org or Amy Roehl, Esq., at MFY Legal Services, Inc. at 212-417-3743 or aroehl@mfy.org.

#### **HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY**

This document is a reference guide to some of the services that member organizations of the New York City Kincare Task Force provide and reflects the services of 22 of the 39 member agencies/organizations.

There are three ways to use this resource directory.

**By service or subject area:** The index at the front of the directory lists different types of services, subjects, areas and organizations. For example, if you are looking for an organization that helps with Food Stamps, simply look under "F." Under each service or subject area the name of the organization that provides that service or works in the subject area is listed along with the page number to find out more information about the member organization, including how to access the services that organization provides.

**By organization:** Each member organization page is in alphabetical order after the index. In addition, each organization's member name is listed in the index in bold print.

**By county:** Each county has a list of agencies that provide services within the county. There is also a separate list for organizations that serve all five boroughs of New York City.

**DISCLAIMER:** This directory is a list of services available to kinship caregivers in New York City and the contact information for organizations that provide those services. The New York City Kincare Task Force makes no guarantees or warranties concerning this document or services rendered. The Task Force makes no recommendations, guarantees or endorsements regarding the quality of service or whether a particular service will be provided.

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## Bridge Builders Community Partnership

Kinship Family Support Program, 156 W. 164th Street, Bronx, NY 10452 www.bridgebuilderscpi.org

The Bridge Builders Community Partnership is a partnership of community organizations that work to create family security. The Kinship Program helps residents gain access to resources, provides emotional and educational support and helps families gain legal custody/adoption if appropriate.

**Subject Areas** 

Child Abuse/Nealect Child Protective Hearings

Child Support Child Custody Disability

Education/School Food Stamps Foster Care

Guardianship of a Child

Medicaid

Parenting Skills Permanency Planning Social Security

Visitation Welfare/Cash Assistance

**Services Provided** 

ACS Assistance Advocacy

Case Management Child Care

Community Outreach

Counseling

**Educational Assistance** Help Filing Court Papers(pro se)

Home Visits

Information & Referral Legal Information Parent Education

**Public Benefits** 

Representation in Court Seminars/Workshops

Support Groups: Kin & Youth

Transportation

**Populations Served** 

All caregivers Youth/Children Low Income Spanish Speakers

**Geographic Areas Served** 

**Bronx County** 

**Income Requirement** 

None

#### Bronx Coalition of Grandparent Support Groups

951 Prospect Avenue, Bronx NY 10459

718-379-0433 ext. 237

Contact Person: Hattie Lucas

The Bronx Coalition of Grandparent Support Groups provides technical assistance to existing and new relative caregiver support groups in the Bronx.

**Subject Areas** 

Child Custody

Guardianship of a Child

Guardianship (Standby)

Parenting Skills Visitation

Foster Care

Home Visits Information & Referral

**Services Provided** 

Community Outreach

Guides/Pamphlets

Advocacy

Parenting Skills & Education

Help Filing Court Papers (Pro Se)

Seminars/Workshops Support Groups (Kins)

**Training** 

**Populations Served** 

All caregivers Senior Citizens Low Income

Geographic Areas Served

**Bronx County** 

**Income Requirement** 

None

## Calvary Baptist Church

G.E.A.R. - Grandparents Empowered Active Response, 111-10 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, NY 11433 (718) 297-2301 Contact Person: Mary Covington

Calvary Baptist Church provides respite care for grandparents who are parenting the second time around. It also provides workshops and resources at its meetings. The group meets to share common concerns and offer support for each other. All members of the community are welcome. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Church's Conference Room.

Services Provided

Respite Care

Support Groups: Kin

**Populations Served** 

Relative and Non-Relative

Caregivers

Grandparents

**Geographic Areas Served** 

Queens County

**Income Requirement** 

#### CEED, Inc

Grandparents Empowerment Network, 2080 1st Ave, #2208, New York, NY 10029

Contact Person: Diane Willis www.ceeding.org 917-763-9108

CEED, Inc. is a faith-based initiative that reaches out and educates church members. As a ministry of the church, the door is open to all and it can refer to other organizations. Services include a grandparent group and a monthly kincare group.

**Subject Areas** Education/School **Employment** Financial Planning Nutrition/Health Service Parenting Skills

**Services Provided Biblical Counseling** Community Outreach Educational Assistance Information & Referral Legal Information Parent Education

Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Youth Youth Programs **Populations Served** 

**Biological Parents** Youth/Children

Grandparents

Non-Relative Caregivers

Geographic Areas Served Manhattan: East/Central Harlem

Income Requirement

None

#### The Children's Village

Kinship Program, 2633 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458

www.childrensvillage.org Main Phone: 718-220-7701 Hotline/Intake Phone: 718-220-7701

The Children's Village provides services to all caregivers who have youth residing in their home between the ages of 11 and 17 years-old. Currently, multi-systemic therapy (MST) services are only available through referrals from ACS and PINS programs. The Children's Village Kinship Program provides case management services to any kincare families with children in the home.

**Subject Areas** Child Abuse/Neglect Education/School Juvenile Justice

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Intensive Preventive Services

Parenting Skills

**Services Provided ACS** Assistance Advocacy Case Management

Community Outreach Counseling

**Educational Assistance** 

Home Visits

Information & Referral

Parent Education **Public Benefits** Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Youth

Youth Programs

**Populations Served All Caregivers** 

Youth/Children Low Income Spanish Speakers **GLBTQ** 

Geographic Areas Served

Bronx

Income requirement

None

#### The Family Center

Second Time Around, 315 W. 36th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018 www.thefamilycenter.org Main Phone: 212-766-4522 Hotline/Intake Phone: 212-766-4522 ext. 114 Contact: Marya Gilborn

**Subject Areas** Child Custody

Disability Education/School

Food Stamps

Guardianship of an Adult Guardianship of a Child Guardianship (Standby) Health Care Directive Health Care Proxy Legal Appeals Medicaid Nutrition/Health

Parenting Skills Permanency Planning Power of Attorney

Social Security

Welfare/Cash Assistance

WIC Wills

**Services Provided** 

Advocacy

Case Management Community Outreach

Counseling

**Educational Assistance** Health Care Assistance Help Filing Court Papers (pro se)

Home Visits

Information & Referral Legal Information

Mentoring Youth Programs Parent Education **Public Benefits** 

Legal Representation Respite Care

Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Youth Summer Youth Programs

Weekend Youth Programs Training

**Populations Served** 

Biological Parents (if living with a terminal illness)

All Other Caregivers Senior Citizens Youth/Children Low Income

Families impacted by parental

incarceration Spanish Speakers

Creole Language Assistance Korean Language Assistance

**GLBTQ** HIV positive

Geographic Areas Served: All five New York City boroughs

#### Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service

Grandparent Empowerment Training, 113 W. 60th Street, New York, NY 10023

212-636-6649 Contact: Dr. Carole Cox

The Grandparent Empowerment Workshop at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service provides a 14-session training course at Fordham for custodial grandparents.

Subject Areas	Services Provided	Populations Served	Geographic Areas Served
Education/School	Seminars/Workshops	Grandparents	All five New York City boroughs
Advocacy Skills Parenting Skills			Income Requirement None

#### Human Resources Administration (HRA)

180 Water Street, New York, NY www.nyc.gov (click on "HRA" page) Info Line: 877-472-8411

The New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) provides services to low-income New Yorkers.

Subject Areas	Housing: Public/NYCHA	Information & Referral	Geographic Areas Served All five New York City boroughs
Child Support	Medicaid	Legal Information	
Domestic Violence Employment Food Stamps Housing: General	Welfare/Cash Assistance Services Provided Case Management Community Outreach	Public Benefits  Populations Served  Low-income New Yorkers	Income Requirement Must be eligible for cash assistance, Food Stamps, and Medicaid

#### Institute for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly (IPRHE)

**Brooklyn Caregivers Program,** 105 E. 22nd Street, Suite 615, New York, NY 10010 www.iprhe.org Main Phone: 212-677-4181 Hotline/Intake Phone: 212-677-4181

Contact: Pia Scarfo, Director of Case Management/Policy Development

The Institute's **Brooklyn Caregivers Program** provides all core services: information and referrals, counseling, and caregivers services such as counseling, support groups, respite, and supplemental services.

Subject Areas	Services Provided	Housing Information	Populations Served
Domestic Violence	Advocacy	Information & Referral	Senior Citizens
Health Care Proxy	Case Management	Medical Insurance Information	Low Income
Immigration	Community Outreach	Parent Education	Caregivers with formal
Legal Appeals	Counseling	Public Benefits	custody/guardianship
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Mental Health	Home Visits	Support Groups: Kin	Manhattan and Brooklyn
Nutrition and Health Services	Hotline		•
			Income Requirement
			None

## Jewish Association for Services of the Aged (JASA)

**Co-Op City Grandparent Connection**, 135 Einstein Loop, Room 34, Bronx NY 10475 www.jasa.org 718-379-0433 Contact Person: Hattie L. Lucas

**JASA** provides services to relative caregivers except biological parents. Services include semi-monthly caregiver support group meetings, semi-monthly children support group meetings, and monthly adolescent support group meetings.

Support Groups: Kin **Services Provided Subject Areas Geographic Areas Served** Nutrition/Health Service Support Groups: Youth Bronx Advocacy Mental Health Case Management **Populations Served** Income Requirement Senior Services Community Outreach Senior Citizens None Youth Programs Youth/Children Seminars/Workshops All Kin Caregivers

#### Jewish Board of Family and Children Services (JBFCS)

**Kinship Care Program**, 2020 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn NY 11223 www.jbfcs.org 718-676-4319 x 417 Contacts: Deborah Langosch, Ph.D., L.C.S.W.; Diana Masri, L.M.S.W.; John Watkins, M.A.

The **JBFCS Kinship Care Program** provides services to kincare families in need of assistance. Services include weekly caregiver support groups and programs that focus on disconnected youth and marginal populations.

**Subject Areas** Services Provided Legal Information Youth/Children Education/School **ACS** Assistance Medical Insurance Information Low Income Financial Planning Youth Programs Advocacy Spanish Speakers Food Stamps Case Management Parent Education Other Languages Housing: General Clinics **Public Benefits GLBTQ** Housing: Public/NYCHA Community Outreach Seminars/Workshops HIV positive Juvenile Justice Counseling Support Groups: Kin **Geographic Areas Served** Support Groups: Youth Medicaid **Educational Assistance** Manhattan and Brooklyn Mental Health **Emergency Assistance** Training **Income Requirement: JBFCS** Nutrition/Health Service Parenting Skills Warmline primarily serves families in Permanency Planning Health Care Assistance **Populations Served** poverty, but no family is turned Social Security Home Visits All Caregivers away based on income. Welfare/Cash Assistance Housing Information Senior Citizens Information & Referral

#### Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT)

350 Broadway, Suite 501, New York, NY 10013 www.LIFTonline.org Main Phone: 646-613-9633 ext. 222 Hotline/Intake Phone: 212-343-1122

LIFT provides family law information and support to unrepresented litigants, including caregivers, so that they can successfully self-advocate in the New York Family Courts. LIFT operates a family law telephone and email hotlines, as well as education and information sites located inside the Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens Family Courts, and a Family Legal Center which offers in-depth support, including one-on-one meetings, individualized legal information, help preparing court documents, court accompaniment, and short-term counseling and referrals to social services to unrepresented grandparents and parents with child support, custody, or visitation issues. LIFT also offers biweekly support groups for kinship caregivers and fathers. LIFT publishes 36 multi-lingual, easy-to-read Legal Resource Guides on a range of family law topics, available on its website, at LIFT's court-based education and information sites, and at the Family Legal Center located in lower Manhattan.

**Subject Areas** 

Adoption

Child Abuse/Neglect

Child Custody

Child Protective Hearings

Child Support Domestic Violence

**Foster Care** 

Guardianship of a Child

Juvenile Justice Legal Appeals

Name Change

Orders of Protection

Paternity **PINS** 

Standby Guardianship

Power of Attorney Visitation

Services Provided

Counseling Guides/Pamphlets

Help Filing Court Papers (pro se)

Information & Referral

Legal Information Seminars/Workshops

Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Fathers

**Populations Served** 

**All Caregivers** Senior Citizens Youth/Children Low Income

**GLBTQ** HIV positive

Other Languages: an interpreter can be contacted for any

language

**Geographic Areas Served** 

All five New York City boroughs The Family Law Information Hotline also accepts collect calls from correctional facilities and emails from around the world of anyone with a case in New York State.

#### Lutheran Social Services

Kinship Care Program & Preventive Services, 308 West 46th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10035 www.lssny.org Main Phone: 212-265-1826 Hotline/Intake Phone: 212-265-1826 ext. 301 or ext. 313 Contact: Stephanie Hooker

The Lutheran Social Services Kinship Care Program provides case management services, including referrals to support groups, for caregivers in Queens. The General Preventive Program serves low-income primary caregivers (including parents) of children living in all five New York City boroughs. The General Preventive Program offers in-home family counseling.

**Subject Areas** Adoption

Child Abuse/Nealect

Education/School Family Enrichment

Financial Planning Food Stamps Foster Care

Foster Care Prevention Housing: General Housing: Public/NYCHA

Medicaid Mental Health Parenting Skills Permanency Planning Social Security

Welfare/Cash Assistance

**Services Provided ACS** Assistance Case Management Community Outreach **Educational Assistance Emergency Assistance** 

Home Visits Information & Referrals Medical Insurance

Mentoring

**Public Benefits** Training Youth Programs

**Populations Served** 

All Caregivers Senior Citizens Youth/Children Low Income Spanish Speakers

**GLBTQ** HIV positive **Geographic Areas Served** 

Kinship Care Program & Preventive Services: Queens

General Preventive Services: Bronx. Brooklyn. Manhattan. and Staten Island

**Income Requirement** 

The child must be TANF-eligible.

#### MFY Legal Services, Inc.

Kinship Caregiver Law Project, 299 Broadway, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007 Main Phone: 212-417-3700 Hotline/Intake Phone: 212-417-3850 www.mfy.org

Contact: Ramonita Cordero, Supervising Attorney

MFY Legal Services' Kinship Caregiver Law Project counsels kinship caregivers on their legal rights and options and connects caregivers with pro bono attorneys who provide representation in custody, quardianship, and adoption proceedings. The project also provides assistance with public benefits issues, conducts workshops for caregivers on legal issues, and trains pro bono attorneys. The project serves families that are caring for children not in the formal foster care system.

**Subject Areas** Adoption Child Custody Guardianship of a Child

**Public Benefits** Standby Guardianship Visitation

**Services Provided** Advocacy Legal Clinics Community Outreach Guides/Pamphlets Information & Referral

Legal Information Public Benefits Information Representation in Court Seminars/Workshops

**Populations Served** Senior Citizens **GLBTQ Undocumented Immigrants** 

Legal Residents Low Income

All Caregivers Spanish Speakers

Geographic Areas Served All five New York City boroughs

**Income Requirements** MFY serves low-income families that cannot afford an attorney.

#### My Time Inc.

1312 East 84th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. www.mytimeinc.org

Main Phone: 718-251-0527 Hotline/Intake Phone: 718-251-0527

Contact Person: Lucina Clarke, Executive Director

My Time Inc. provides support and educational training for parents and caregivers of children with autism. There are monthly father support groups, monthly grandparent support groups, and weekly support groups for all caregivers. The organization also offers weekly educational workshops, behavioral workshops and forums and other events to educate the community and parents about autism.

**Subject Areas** Disability Education

**Services Provided** Parent Education

Seminars/Workshops Support Groups (Kin)

**Populations Served Biological Parents** 

**Fathers** 

**Foster Parents** Low Income All Caregivers Grandparents

**Geographic Areas Served** Brooklyn

Income Requirement

## National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights

Long Island Kincare Connection, School of Social Welfare, Health Sciences Center, Level 2, Rm. 0930 Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-8231 www.grandparentsforchildren.org

Main Phone: 631-444-3160 (Stony Brook); 516-481-1006 (Hempstead) Hotline/Intake Phone: 866-624-9900

Contact Person: Jenifer Patsiner

The National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights provides services to all relative caregivers (except parents) and their children. It has monthly support groups for relative caregivers, individual and family counseling, legal assistance and entitlement information. An attorney on staff attends all support groups, assists with legal questions, and is able to represent relative caregivers for a discounted fee. The staff works closely with the Department of Social Services on Long Island in order to assure success in meeting the needs of relative caregivers and their families.

**Subject Areas** Adoption Child Custody Child Support Education/School Foster Care

Guardianship of a Child Housing: General Housing: Public/NYCHA Mental Health Nutrition/Health Service

Parenting Skills Permanency Planning Social Security Welfare/Cash Assistance Standby Guardianship Visitation

Services Provided

Advocacy Case Management Community Outreach

Counseling Guides/Pamphlets Health Care Assistance Help Filing Court Papers (pro se) Hotline Housing

Information & Referral Legal Information Parent Education

**Public Benefits Applications** Representation in Court (for a

Discounted Fee) Respite Care Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin

**Training** 

**Populations Served** 

Grandparents Youth/Children Low Income

Caregivers with Formal Custody

or Guardianship Other Relatives

Geographic Areas Served Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Income Requirement

None

#### New York City Department for the Aging

Grandparent Resource Center, 2 Lafayette Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007 www.nyc.gov/html/dfta/html/caregiver/grandparents.shtml 212-442-1094

Contact: Giovana Montalvo Baer, Director

The Grandparent Resource Center provides services to all caregivers who are raising kin. The center also offers an annual Empowerment Training at Fordham University for caregivers within the network. The 6-8 week training is designed to promote advocacy skills and education for caregivers. (See the Fordham page in this directory). The Center also sponsors a network for grandparent support group facilitators to exchange ideas, collaborate on events, and receive specialized trainings

**Services Provided** Advocacy Community Outreach **Emergency Assistance** 

Guides/Pamphlets Hotline

Information & Referral **Public Benefits** Training

**Populations Served** Senior Citizens

Low Income Grandparents Other Relatives Caregivers with formal custody/guardianship Spanish Speakers

Geographic Areas Served All five New York City boroughs

Income Requirement

#### New York City Department of Education

Office for Family Engagement and Advocacy, 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007

http://schools.nyc.gov Main Phone: 212-374-2323

The **Office for Family Engagement and Advocacy** provides support to parents and guardians with children in New York City Public Schools

Services Provided
Education Assistance

**Populations Served** 

Parents and guardians with children in NYC public schools

Geographic Areas Served

All five New York City boroughs

Income Requirement

None

#### New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, Inc.

11 Park Place, Suite 1416, New York, NY 10007 212-962-7653 or 212-962-7559 www.nyfsc.org

**New York Foundation for Senior Citizens** provides over 900 units of housing and 35 professionally-administered social service program for tens of thousands of elderly New Yorkers city-wide annually, including grandparent caregivers. For a complete listing of NYFSC's housing and social services programs, please visit www.nyfsc.org.

**Subject Areas** 

Food Stamps

Guardianship of an Adult Housing: General

Housing: Public/NYCHA

Medicaid Mental Health

Nutrition/Health Service

Social Security

**Services Provided** 

Advocacy

Case Management Community Outreach

Counseling Home Visits

Housing Information
Information & Referral

Public Benefits Respite Care

Respite Care Transportation

**Populations Served** 

Senior Citizens Low Income Grandparents

Spanish Speakers

Undocumented Immigrants Caregivers with formal custody/guardianship

GLBTQ

Language Assistance

Chinese, French, German, Russian, and Thai

Geographic Areas Served

All five New York City Boroughs

**Income Rrequirement** 

Each of NYFSC's social service and housing programs has its

own eligibility criteria.

#### The Osborne Association

#### Youth & Family Services & NY Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents

175 Remsen Street, 8th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201 Main Office: 718-637-6560 / Hotline/Intake Phone: 800-344-3314 www.osborneny.org Contact: Tanya Krupat

**The Osborne Association** provides advocacy for and information to people impacted by the criminal justice system, which includes parents, children and youth, relatives, grandparents, and more. It has a Women's Parents Hotline for women involved with incarcerated men, youth specific groups, and parenting groups for fathers and for mothers.

Subject Areas

Criminal Justice Employment

Substance Abuse Treatment Visitation & Parenting Skills

**Services Provided** 

Advocacy

Case Management

Home Visits

Information & Referral Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin

Support Groups: Youth Training

Training
Youth Programs

**Populations Served** 

Senior Citizens Youth/Children GLBTQ

Undocumented Immigrants Citizens/Legal Residents

Low Income Biological Parents All Caregivers Spanish Speakers HIV Positive

Geographic Areas Served

All five New York City boroughs and Dutchess County

Income Requirement

#### Presbyterian Senior Services Grandparent Apartments

951 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 www.pssusa.org

The **PSS Grandparent Apartments** provide services to low-income grandparents with full custody of one or more grand-children. Services include an after-school program open to all children ages 4 and up, as well as a teen-specific program open until 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. PSS also offers group therapy and individual counseling to all residents.

**Subject Areas** 

Child Support

Housing: Public/NYCHA Mental Health

**Services Provided** 

Advocacy

Case Management Child Care Counseling

**Educational Assistance** 

Home Visits
Youth Programs
Housing Assistance
Public Benefits
Respite Care

Seminars/Workshops

Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Youth

Populations Served Senior Citizens

Youth/Children Low Income Spanish Speakers Grandparents Geographic Areas Served

Bronx

Income Requirement
Please contact for income

requirements.

#### Presbyterian Sr. Services Kinship Caregiver Support Program

**Kinship Caregiver Support Program**, 951 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY 10459 www.pssusa.org Main Phone: 212-874-6633 / Hotline/Intake: 718-620-1262 ext. 1212 Contact: Michele Chapple

**PSS Kinship Caregiver Support Program** provides services to caregivers, except parents. It has weekly support groups for caregivers and grandchildren.

**Subject Areas** 

Education/School Financial Planning Nutrition/Health Service

Permanency Planning Standby Guardianship

Wills

Services Provided

Advocacy
Case Management
Housing Assistance
Parenting Skills
Seminars/Workshops
Support Groups: Kin

Summer Youth Programs gement Trainings

Assistance Youth Programs
Skills Populations Served

All Kin Caregivers Senior Citizens

Support Groups: Youth

Low Income Spanish Speakers

Geographic Areas Served

Bronx

Income requirement

None

#### VCS Inc.

Kinship Care Program, 77 South Main Street, New City, NY 10956

Main Phone: 845-634-5729 / Hotline/Intake: 845-634-5729 ext. 329

Contact: Rosa Serrano-Delgado, LMSW, Program Director

**VCS Inc.** provides a support group for relatives/caregivers and a quarterly group for teens.

**Subject Areas** 

Education/School Mental Health Parenting Skills

**Immigration** 

Services Provided

Advocacy Counseling Home Visits

Information & Referrals Parent Education

Respite Care

Seminars/Workshops Support Groups: Kin Support Groups: Youth

www.vcs-inc.org

Populations Served Senior Citizens

Youth/Children Spanish Speakers Grandparents
Other Relatives

Geographic Areas Served

Rockland County

Income requirement

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